

SciVal Funding

CONTENT POLICY

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CORE QUALITY PRINCIPLES

Comprehensiveness: Strive for the most complete coverage of all relevant research funding opportunities and awarded grants

Accuracy: Pursue the highest possible degree of content quality

Currency: Ensure all content is punctually captured and maintained

SOURCE MANAGEMENT

All funding data is captured directly from the source (e.g., funding body websites and selected aggregating sources like Grants.gov, Research.gov, CORDIS and FedBizOps).

INDEXED CONTENT

SOURCES IN SCOPE

All relevant organizations that fund scientific research in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia as well as trans-European agencies:

- Funding research for graduate research level and beyond
- Distributing grants via a competitive process
- The source collection currently includes over 4,200 sources of research funding organizations
- Award grants available from over 1,900 public and private sources with more than 1.7 million award records to date
- The number of funding sources and associated records continue to grow as new sources are being added, opportunities emerge, and grants are awarded

FUNDING BODY CLASSIFICATIONS

GOVERNMENT

590+ national grant-making institutions and selected state or other (local) government agencies including: National Institutes of Health; National Science Foundation; Canadian Institute of Health; and Research Department of Health (UK)

PRIVATE

2,670+ private foundations and charities providing research funding, either corporate, family or other type of philanthropic giving including Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Cystic Fibrosis Canada; Cancer Research UK; and Howard Hughes Medical Foundation

CORPORATE

370+ corporations providing research grants and contracts¹ including DuPont; Dow Chemical Company; UBS; and Rolls-Royce

OTHER

¹ Note that contracts are often not allocated via an open competitive process, rather by invitation or direct contact.

455+ International, non-governmental organization (NGO), or other sources including United Nations; Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; and British Academy

DATA ELEMENTS THAT APPEAR TO BE MISSING

WEB PRESENCE

Some foundations do not publish their funding opportunities online, in which case the content is unavailable for capturing

PRIMARY SOURCING

Funding data published by a party other than the funding body or trusted source are not included

HISTORIC DATA

The current scope of award data dates from 2004 forward. The objective is to ensure a robust coverage of sources, before 'back filing' award records prior to 2004.

DATA AVAILABILITY

Funding bodies vary in breadth and depth in terms of available content, and it is often the case that funding bodies provide (very) limited information which in turn influences the content availability in the system

CLOSED OPPORTUNITIES

The first tab of results show active opportunities (i.e., opportunities with a due date in the future), and once a deadline passes, the status changes to 'inactive', and these opportunities show up on the "Inactive opportunities" tab of the search results page.

CURRENCY

Funding opportunities are continuously added and updated, and award records are automatically indexed and delivered on an ongoing basis.

PUBLIC FUNDING SOURCES

Continuously monitored and automatically extracted and delivered to the system *on a daily basis*

PRIVATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Checked and delivered on *a daily or weekly basis*, depending on the source

KEY WORD CLASSIFICATION

SCIVAL FUNDING CLASSIFICATION

All funding opportunity and award content is classified by Elsevier's ASJC journal classification scheme used by [Scopus™](#). This classification contains 27 subject areas, assigned by an expert team of internal editors.

CDFA CODES

Classification system created by the US government (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance) to structure all US federal opportunities and awards.

CONTENT DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Ongoing collection of feedback from customers to enhance our content base,
- Enhancing data structure by integrating existing vocabularies,
- Focus on the addition funding content from new geographic regions,
- Linking of author and institution profiles to award data for better aggregation and analysis purposes, and
- Integration of the funding data in other Elsevier solutions (e.g., SciVal Spotlight, SciVal Experts, and SciVerse Scopus) to enrich the overall user experience.

FEEDBACK

Any user feedback is most welcome and it is our priority to respond to queries and incorporate feedback into the database within seven business days. Any questions or comments can be provided via the contact information below:

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